



accidentally entangled in a trap; on finding it impossible to escape out on, he disengaged himself and escaped through his skin, leaving behind, to prove to his sensations. Since his departure, nothing has been heard from him, and it is feared, that by being exposed to the dampness of the cell which his tribe inhabit, he may catch cold, and expire under the agonies of that most distressing and lingering disease, the consumption.

The following "Tragedy," written on the event, has been handed us by an esteemed correspondent, which will introduce our readers to all the circumstances of the affair, and picture to their feelings the agonies suffered, while in solitary confinement, by our hero—the Rat:

#### SKINNED ALIVE—A MYSTERY,

IN ONE ACT.

The curtain rises to slow music.—Scene, a vaulted apartment of rough stone resembling a dungeon. On one side a tier of barrels; door, grated windows, &c., &c.—Near the back scene, a huge steel-trap baited with cheese.

The music ceases. A troop of rats and mice enter upon the stage in grand procession. Strange noises are heard at intervals; and they vanish, in evident alarm.

(Enter a Rat cautiously.)

BOLERO.

—When night has thrown her mantle o'er creation, And hallow'd earth is wrapt in pitchy darkness, Her Lord's her hand, and she her master; Throwing its light through numberless specks; I love to range among these spaciose lights, And view the dwelling which we rats inhabit.

(Music. Instant noise is heard. Drawing back of bolts, sound of voices and approaching footsteps.)

—From one intruder upon my auditories; What cause is there, for this continual clamor? I'll hear, and stop the noise, or your conduct; I'll dispossess you of your hold intruder. Again all's silent in the moon; Methinks I hear a noise, and see a light; Here too but mortal, and must feed on that. Which tempests not he has sped out before them; For mortals cannot live on mind alone; And life were short indeed did we not seek For greater joys.

(After a pause, he retreats up the stage.)

—A poor rat! A poor, full before me. Here is a plenty of the other kind; And I will feast, here like a Abemarle.

(He touches the spring and the trap closes.—Lights are seen approaching.)

—Ho! Touches the moment to the recent? Ho! come on, my varacious commanding; For all's that was the Human Race; Who sold his birthright for a mess of pottage, Are there no means of freedom? One reason; Would that I had the power of ancient Samson, to rend asunder these iron engines; I'd burst these bands, and stand myself in freedom. (In the words of Abemarle's Corin) "Redeemed, regenerated, and disenthralled."

(He riots, draws a long breath, JUMPS OUT OF HIS SKIN, exits, and the curtain falls.)

[Can our Providence friends furnish certificates for the above, or does the Sea Serpent monopolize all the time of the magistrates.]

#### THE PROVIDENCE RAT STORY.

We observe by a Providence paper, (saw the Baltimore Morning Chronicle), that the domicile of the Rat which escaped from his skin, is to be made a present to Dr. Mitchell—that is a rat-skin turned inside outwards. This introduces a new question in Natural History—whether rats have not been known to shed their skins, as serpents do. We wait with reverence to hear the response of the Delphian Oracle of New York. Has there been no writer either ancient, or modern, who has maintained this doctrine?

Unhappily rat, what serious clouds thy brow Caught in a philosopher's trap now; Now, fearing noose, take the by the snout; We have had time to bring the victim out. You are all off to—clean the eye.

There sped and wrung, to thy dying day.

#### THE GREAT UNKNOWN.

In the preface to Quentin Durward, the writer, who he is, denies that Sir Walter Scott is the author of the Waverley novels, and the editor of the New York Minerva maintains that one Dr. Greenfield is. This man he declares himself to be personally acquainted with, both in his public and private character—as professor in the university—and colleague with Dr. Blair in the high church of Edinburgh—to have set under his ministry in Lady Blair's church—and to have been acquainted with his domestic affairs, and with all circumstances "which led to his disgrace and exclusion from society," and forced him to "become a wanderer throughout Europe, under a forged name." With Dr. Greenfield and his history, Americans are generally unacquainted, but in his disgrace it seems to be found the true cause of the Waverley novels being destitute of an acknowledged author. The editor of the Minerva professes to have known the Doctor in London after his return from his wanderings on the continent, and the means by which he subsisted. He was well acquainted with the book-seller to whom he offered the Ms. of Waverley—saw the manuscript himself, and knew the hand writing to be Greenfield's (then bearing the name of Williamson). This disclosure intimidated the bookseller from purchasing; and the novels subsequently went into the hands of Constable & Co. of Edinburgh.—Here the belief that Greenfield was the author alarmed the literati, lest the credit derived to the nation from these works should be snatched by being associated with his name, as well as the publishers, least it should their profits.—To prevent these evils, a plan was arranged, whereby Sir Walter Scott (if we may believe it) agreed to bear the honor of the authorship, on condition of sharing the profits of the sales;—and thus the project went on, till the charm was broken by the preface of Scott, and the door thus shut forever against Sir Walter.

#### European Intelligence.

(From London papers of the 10th June, received by an agent at New York.)

The French papers announce that a disturbance took place at Seville on the 3d, in which the garrison, 3000 men, fired on the people.

A traveller left Madrid under the name of Beníquez, accompanied by a woman dressed in men's clothes, and was arrested at Berga, in the French coach which carried the mail. This pretended traveller turned out to be the fugitive Count Abishal.

Marshal Moncey continues at Grenolles and states that Eroles and St. Priest, with 3000 men were at Berga, in pursuit of Mina.

The Constitution was abolished at Lisbon on the 1st of June. This has been effected by the gold and intrigues of the allied powers.

They write from Bayonne on the 9th, that two divisions of the French, commanded by Count Bordeaud, consisting of 24,000 men, will march direct for Seville, and in conjunction with the royal party endeavor to overthrow the government by exciting division and discontent.

The Marquis of Londonderry has arrived in England from France. While in France he assumed a loss of his title of the order of the Bath, and 15,000.

A letter from Rome, published in the London Literary Gazette, says—"A Mr. Middleton, from Charleston, America, himself an excellent landscape painter, has purchased in Italy, in a few years, a collection of Pictures which would do honour to the palace of a Prince even in the old world."

#### SPANISH ACCOUNTS.

Havana papers to the 14th ult. have been received at Charleston, extracts from which are as follows:

Intelligence from the Peninsula, to the 9th of June last, by the Spanish brig *Thirtieth of May*, in 32 days from Coruña, has been received at Havana. Its character is rather cheering.

The Victory of Mina, over the French army in Catalonia, is stated to have been most glorious, illuminations and salvoes of artillery took place at Santona, on the 27th of May, in consequence of the success of that general.

Morillo issued a patriotic proclamation to his soldiers at Vigo, June 3. So far from flushing, the Spaniards appear more determined than ever. "We have sworn [says this general] to maintain the Spanish Constitution—the King, too, has sworn, and our oaths shall not be taken in vain."

There has been some bloody fighting near Talavera, on the passage of the bridge of Alberche. A Coruña date of June 8th, says, that letters to distinguished individuals, one from Heus and another from Villanueva, mention that Colonel Elvoro was attacked by six thousand French, about twelve leagues from Barcelona. The Col.

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Since the French have entered Madrid the

greatest disorder and riot reigns there. Quarrels

imprisonments and assassinations are described

as daily occurrences. A private letter from Ma-

drid of the 28th May, says, that "the French and

Spanish guards conduct themselves with the

greatest licentiousness; the names of religion,

and of the blessed saints come from the mouths

of 'the Defenders of the Faith' mingled with most

obscene and ferocious expressions. No woman

dares to walk abroad, alone or accompanied, who

is not surrounded and insulted. In fine such

scenes take place, that were they put upon paper,

would outrage modesty and humanity.

The following is an extract of a letter

from a respectable house, dated Paris, June

15.—"The news from Spain has become

less encouraging for the French army. It

appears by the Moniteur, this morning,

that MINA has shown himself on the Fron-

ters of France, which circumstance will

retard the operations at Madrid. Our

coast is also much annoyed by the Spanish

cruisers, who have made some valuable

captures. These circumstances may sensi-

lly effect the state of our markets, which

have been now for two months nearly in a

complete state of suspense."

A new fit.—A lad at Epsom (English)

races was apprehended for taking a hand-

kerchief out of a gentleman's pocket. He

made a curious defence; he said he was

subject to fits, and did not know what he

was about when he took the handkerchief;

whereupon his worship observed that he

had heard of fits of anger, fits of love, &c.,

and no doubt there might be fits of stealing;

but he hoped the prisoner would find the

Tread Mill an excellent remedy against a

recurrence of such fits.

At the Academy of Swimming of Paris,

an experiment was made a few months ago,

before a vast concourse of spectators, of a

machine for preserving swimmers from

submersion. The contrivance is two tin

cones, very much elongated and strongly

joined together. They are applied under

the arm pits, and a person by their means

can cross a river, bearing even a load of

weight. The experiment was continued for

more than half an hour, and by four

persons, amongst whom was the inventor,

and a young child that did not know how

to swim. The success of the experiment

was complete.

At the end of April last, Smyrna, in the

Levant, was again the scene of riot and

bloodshed. A Turkish regiment of 300

men, just arrived, spread themselves over

the city and fired upon all the Greeks

which they could discover. Several of the

latter were killed and wounded. The Pacha interferred and caused the regiment to be

sent away.

When the new Turkish fleet was on the

point of sailing from Constantinople in

April, the English and Austrian plenipo-

teraries near the Porte, went on board

the admiral's ship, and very solemnly ex-

horted the Captain Pacha to practise for-

bearance and humanity towards the deluded

Greeks; which the Pacha did most so-

lently promise?

The daughter of a Greek, called Spatar,

has traversed the islands in the garb of a

warrior, and called upon the young men to

enlist under the banners of their country.

She recruited, by her activity and enthusi-

astic eloquence, sixteen companies of 50

men each, placed herself at their head and pro-

ceeded with them to *Afroa di Romania*.

Extract of letters from an American Gentleman, to his friend in Boston.

"SALONICA, April 14, 1823.—I could

not proceed to Patras, as the Greeks were

blockading that Gulf. The Turks there

have a good stock of provisions; but the

Turks at Corinth are very badly off—they

eat each other for want of food."

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The Algerine fleet has left Constantinople,

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the twelfth shot the beast put off at full speed, marking his way by blood flowing from many wounds that it must have received. The dog was too much frightened to continue the pursuit, and the huntmen dare not venture, although one of them was as fearless as Roone himself, and accustomed to the chase from early life. When the news reached Russellville, about forty gentlemen repaired to the spot, and had a full view of the ground. The print which the paws of this animal made in the earth corresponds with the account given of his great bulk by those who had an opportunity of viewing him at a short distance for several minutes; he was of a brindle colour with a most terrific front—his eyes are described as the largest ever seen in any animal. We are well acquainted with the party engaged in the attack, and give the fullest credit to the account we have received. The conclusion drawn is that the animal in question was a *Tiger* of the largest order, from Mexico, and that it has like the monsters of the deep, though proper to wander into distant regions. There is nothing remarkable in his passing such a distance unobserved. Wolves have been seen of late years low down in the northern rocks of Virginia, a distance of nearly 200 miles from the Blue Ridge, the supposed residence of those animals; they had to pass through a country of the thickest population unprotected by large forests until they arrived on the Potowmack river where cedar and pine thickets shelter them from all future danger. The above *Tiger* was seen a few days after braving a dozen shots making its way into the state of Tennessee, and there is still a prospect of its being taken and the public gratified with a more correct description.

**Harvest Home**, says the *Franklin Gazette*, is a frolic annually held in some parts of Pennsylvania at this season of the year. It commenced on Saturday last at the Yellow Spring; and we regret to learn, that in a fracas which happened in the grove near the fountain, between nine and ten o'clock that night, a countryman by the name of Evans was so severely beaten and bruised by Rice, another countryman, that he expired on Monday morning. Rice has been arrested, and will no doubt be committed for trial. Evans had been married only three or four months and leaves a very decent and worthy young wife to lament his untimely death. We trust that this unpleasant occurrence will put an end to the annual frolics of the kind at the Spring. They are very annoying to visitors, exhibiting only scenes of dissipation, gambling and profligacy.

The wheat crop in this district, (says the *Bridgeport Whig*), has been all well secured. The crops in general have been good. In some parts of our district the wheat has been much better than for many years, and in no part of it has any portion of the grain crop been below the average of former years. The fields of Indian corn are flourishing, and we trust will be unusually abundant.

**Sussex County**, N. J. (says the *Trenton True American*) is probably the richest district in the United States, in minerals. Of these minerals, none except *Iron*, is in greater abundance than *Zinc*; the quality of which is good, and the quantity inexhaustible. Without a *Canal* it is altogether useless—with that conveyance to market, it will become of immense value.

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Capt. R. T. Spence, who recently returned from a cruise in the frigate *Cyane*, and Capt. M. C. Perry, who has just returned from a cruise in the *Shark*, are at present on a visit at the seat of government.

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The excavation of the Union Canal, in Pennsylvania, is progressing with great rapidity. The work upon the summit level is nearly completed, and it is expected that the whole canal will be navigable in 1824.

The President of the United States has informed Mr. Southard, of New Jersey, of the appointment of Mr. Thompson as a Judge of the United States, and tendered to him the situation of Secretary of the Navy, vacant by the appointment of Mr. Thompson. It is expected that Mr. S. will accept the station offered. His patriotism and energy of character will ensure a faithful discharge of all its duties.

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Capt. Tatem of the schr. *Tom*, arrived at this port in 38 days from Cadiz, reports that the King of Spain had arrived at that place a few days before he sailed—it was said he refused to leave Seville as King of Spain and was taken by the Cortes as a private individual to the Island of Leon and there reinstated in his Constitutional authority. The male inhabitants of Cadiz were arming in defence of the Constitution, and several of the disaffected soldiery had been shot. The news from Portugal was rather unfavourable.

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